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Mr. John Richardson
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Dear Mr. Richardson:

At the Cherokee County site meeting on March 30, 1988, the PRPs requested information on the Jasper County portion of the Tri-State District and information on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to propose a ground water/surface water remediation alternative that was slightly different from the alternatives in the feasibility study. Enclosed is a site evaluation report of the Jasper County area prepared for EPA. To familiarize yourself further, additional information is available in a 1977 report by the U.S. Geological Survey entitled, Effects of Abandoned Lead and Zinc Mines and Tailings Piles on Water Quality in the Joplin Area, Missouri.

The EPA's decision to propose a modified remedial alternative was made following discussions with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and KDHE's concurrence on the propose plan. Enclosed are notes of two such meetings.

For your information, enclosed is the summary report for the geophysical investigation on the Galena subsite.

Sincerely yours,

Alice C. Fuerst
Remedial Section
Superfund Branch
Waste Management Division

Enclosure
 EPA (E&E), 1987, Site Evaluation for Ononogo - Duenweg Mining Belt
 Fuerst, 1988, Cherokee County Workshop (GW/SW), January 7, 1988
 Fuerst, 1988, Cherokee County Workshop (GW/SW), January 8, 1988
 EPA (CH2M Hill), 1988, Ground Penetrating Radar and Spontaneous
  Potential Surveys, Technical Memorandum